

**CHAPTER NO. 504**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1552**

**By Representatives McMillan, Langster**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1478**

**By Senators Burks, Kurita, McNally, Harper**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 13, relative to criminal sentencing.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-204(c), is amended by deleting the language "The court may permit a member or members, or a representative or representatives of the victim's family to testify at the sentencing hearing" and substituting instead the language "The court shall permit a member or members, or a representative or representatives of the victim's family to testify at the sentencing hearing".

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: May 27, 1999**

  
JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

**APPROVED this 17th day of June 1999**

  
DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR